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# **Crafting Op-Eds for Science Communication**

A Monthly Training Series for Researchers

#### Overview

Effective research communication is crucial for demonstrating the real-world impact of your work. While publishing in academic journals is essential, translating your findings into compelling opinion-editorials (op-eds) for mass media can significantly increase your societal impact and visibility. This monthly training series, launched by **UTAFITI FORUM**; a partnership between **RESEARCHCOM LIMITED** and **BSM Washauri**, is designed to empower you with the skills to do just that.

Grounded in the <u>Publish</u>, <u>Tell</u>, <u>Show</u> (<u>PTS</u>) <u>Framework</u> for <u>Effective Research</u> <u>Communication</u>, each one-day session will guide you through the process of transforming your published research into a clear, persuasive narrative for a non-specialist audience. You'll engage in hands-on activities, develop a draft op-ed based on your own work, and receive expert support for professional editing and media dissemination.

#### **Benefits and Expectations**

This program is an investment in your communication skills and career. Participants will learn how to craft a compelling op-ed, understand what editors look for, and receive post-training support to refine and pitch their work. The program fee covers the full-day training, personalized expert editing, and professional support for pitching your final op-ed to local and international media outlets. Participants are expected to come to the session with a specific published paper they intend to work on.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

This training is for academic and scientific researchers who are looking to amplify the impact of their work.

Applicants must:

- 1. Be a researcher at the Master's level or higher.
- 2. Have published at least one paper in a peer-reviewed journal.
- 3. Be prepared with a specific published paper they want to translate into an op-ed during the training.

### **How to Apply**

Registration for each monthly session is handled online through a **Google Form**.

The registration form will require you to provide a link to the published paper you intend to work on, ensuring you meet the prerequisite.

For questions or inquiries, please contact UTAFITI FORUM at editor@utafiti.forum

The first session is scheduled to launch on August 30, 2025.

Apply before **August 20**, **2025**